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Dear Cum:

I just received your letter, and was very glad to hear from you. I had really hoped by this time we would have done something. I do not mean to be fussing with you, but the fact we do not have a new Chairman now can be laid on your doorstep. If one of you had been to the meeting in Chicago I am sure we could have elected Battles. As things turned out several of the members got hold of Tom and asked him not to resign. I am sure he would resign if he thought the members wanted him to. I can't understand how people can be so deceitful. Behind his back they all say they want some one else for Chairman, but no one will say it to his face. I believe he has enough class to him to step out if some one else can help the League, but it is too much to expect when some of the members are begging him to stay.

Do you think it will be possible for us to meet about a week before The Majors and elect Battles so that he can go into their meeting? We certainly should have some understanding with The Major Leagues. I have learned on pretty good authority that one of my players has decided to play with The United States League on the strength of Rickey's promise to get in The Majors. There is no telling how many of these dumb bells will fall for that.

It is too bad you are sick just at this time. I do hope you are improving. What are your plans for training? Is there any chance The Eagles can get some games with you? Please let me know. We all want to do the best we can in training camp. We are planning to train in Florida.

Please let me hear from you.

Very Truly Yours